

FREDONIA

#18

"Spring 1906"

3 January 1965

ENGLISH TAKE THE OFFENSIVE IN NORTH

GERMANS HARD-PRESSED AS AUSTRIA-HUNGARY ALSO ATTACKS REICH

ENGLAND: A Liv-Yor; A Edi S A Liv-Yor; F Norwegian Sea-North Sea;
A Nor-Swe; F Ska S A Nor-Swe; A Pru-Ber.

FRANCE: F North Atlantic-Mid; F Wes-Tyr; A Bel-Hol; A Mar-Pie;
A Spa, A Lon, & F Eng hold.

GERMANY: F Swe-Bal; A Mun-Boh; A Per-Sil; A Kie-Ber; A Den holds.

ITALY: No moves received. A Boh, A Pie, F Ion, & F Tun hold.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: A Gal-Sil; A Bud-Gal; A Vie-Tyr; A Tri S A Vie-Tyr;
A Sev-Arm; A Rum holds; A Bul-Con; F Gre-Aeg.

TURKEY: F Aeg-Bul; F Con S F Aeg- Bul; A Arm-Sev.

Underlined moves are not possible. The Austro-Hungarian army in Bulgaria retreats, according to a conditional move, to Greece. The deadline for Fall 1906 moves is SATURDAY 16 JANUARY 1965. If conditional moves for Winter troop establishments and removals are included with these Fall moves it will be greatly appreciated by the Gamesmaster, as the progress of the game will be expedited by a matter of some two weeks.

Beginning with this issue of FREDONIA, subscription copies will henceforth come by first-class mail. Publication of FREDONIA will continue until the end of the present Diplomacy game (1964B). At that time FREDONIA will be discontinued, and unexpired subscriptions will be transferred to GRAUSTARK.

The 1964B game is of particular interest because, although it is now in its sixth "year", six of the original seven Powers are still in contention. Furthermore, none of these Powers has fewer than 3 supply centers. By comparison, 1963A (with only 5 players to start with) ended in "1906", three Powers had been eliminated at this point in 1963B, and at the end of 1964A's "1906" three Powers had also been overcome. As early as "1904" the number of Powers had been reduced to four in 1964C. For further information on these games, subscribe to their bulletins:

1963B: Ruritania, Dave McDaniel, Apt. 4, 619 S. Hobart St., Los Angeles, Calif. 90005

1964A & 1965A: GRAUSTARK, John Boardman, 592 16th St., Brooklyn, N. Y. 11218

1964B: FREDONIA, John Boardman, address above.

1964C: Brobdingnag, Dick Schultz, 19159 Helen, Detroit, Mich. 48234

1964D: Trantor, John W. Smythe Jr., 621 E. Prospect, Girard, Ohio

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All these Diplomacy bulletins are 10 issues for \$1.00.

In addition, Wild & Woolly, the only illustrated postal Diplomacy fanzine, is published at 20 issues for \$1.00 by Dan Brannan, Apt. 5, 106 S. Edgemont, Los Angeles, Calif. 90004. Several games at various speeds have been announced in W&W, but none have yet started. Some openings in these games are still available; write for details.

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SCHARMITZ, TYROLIA (January 25, 1906): This small town nestled in the foothills of the Alps lies in smouldering ruins. The German Guards Division has just left after doing the bidding of a mad despot. As an answer to the Austrian demands the Prussians slaughtered 121 men, women, and children. I can not stay here any longer; the sight of decapitated infants can not be endured.

VIENNA (January 27, 1906): Austria is going to war against Germany! From the peaceful gardens of the Belvedere, with its delicately fashioned statuary and geometric flower beds, Doctor Freud held a news conference to inform the world of the Austrian response to the Scharnitz massacre. The inexorable Doctor began by giving the history of the Austrian grievances. He ended by passionately declaring, "Thrice was Prussia offered the olive branch, and how does Wilhelm answer - with Scharnitz! Prussia continued to consort with France! Prussia insisted on fighting our ally, England! And Prussia has not refrained from oppressing her Catholic subjects! But even so, the Empire, not wishing to bathe Europe in the blood of Christian brothers, continued to press for peace. Patience must have an end. The Prussian atrocity at Scharnitz can not be pushed aside as another incident and then forgotten! The deaths must be avenged! For God, Country, and Honor the peoples of the Empire will go forward to destroy the Prussian tyrants. Even as I speak to you now, the Imperial armies are moving to crush and remove from the breast of Europe the devil's mark, Prussia. As we have dealt with the Anti-Christ of the South, so shall we deal with the Anti-Christ of the North!"

As I left the Belvedere, I felt how appropriate the late winter killed the spring blossoms.

- H. Alfass, Reuters

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Within a few weeks a revised and up-to-date Diplomacy Directory will be published as a supplement to FREDONIA's sister bulletin, GRAUSTARK. All Diplomacy players are asked to send in the names and addresses of people they know to be interested in either across-the-board or postal Diplomacy. With this information you should include whether this person subscribes to any postal Diplomacy zines, or belongs to any Diplomacy clubs. Publishers of other postal Diplomacy bulletins are requested to send in their subscription lists. The resulting Directory will be useful to publishers and players.

With this Directory will be published the updated rules of postal Diplomacy. These were last published in GRAUSTARK #17. Players are asked to send in any suggestions for changes or additions to these rules.

FREDONIA

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"Fall 1906"

17 January 1965

ENGLISH ROUT DISORGANIZED GERMANS IN DENMARK

ENGLAND: A Yor-Wal; A Hdi-Yor; F Ska-Jen; A Swe & F North Sea S
F Ska-Den; A Pru S AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN A Gal-Sil.

FRANCE: No moves received.

GERMANY: No moves received.

ITALY: F Tun-Wes; F Ion-Tyr; A Pie-Tus; A Boh S AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN A Tyr.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: A Tyr-Mun; A Tri-Ven; A Gal-Sil; A Rum-Bul; A Gro S
A Rum-Bul; F Aeg-Con; A Sev-Arm; A Bud-Gal.

TURKEY: F Con-Smy; F Bul-Con; A Arm-Sev.

Underlined moves are not possible. The order given to the Italian army in Bohemia did not state where the Austro-Hungarian army in Tyrolia was to be supported, and so is invalid. The Turkish fleet on the south coast of Bulgaria is annihilated. The German fleet in Denmark is dislodged and, since no German moves were received, annihilated.

The High Combatant Powers now control the following supply centers:

ENGLAND: Denmark, Edinburgh, Liverpool, Moscow, Norway, St. Petersburg, Sweden, Warsaw. (8)

FRANCE: Belgium, Brest, Holland, London, Marseilles, Paris, Portugal, Spain. (8)

GERMANY: Berlin, Kiel, Munich. (3)

ITALY: Naples, Rome, Tunis. (3)

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Budapest, Bulgaria, Greece, Rumania, Serbia, Sevastopol, Trieste, Venice, Vienna. (9)

TURKEY: Ankara, Constantinople, Smyrna. (3)

England may establish two new units. Austria-Hungary and Turkey may each establish one new unit. Germany and Italy must each remove one unit. The deadline for Winter 1906 moves is SATURDAY 30 JANUARY 1965.

ROME (September 21, 1906): Pope Gian I has just finished making an impassioned plea for aid from Austria-Hungary-Serbia. The Prelate fearing French depredations appealed to the Catholic Empire of the Austrians to come to the aid of the Church. There was no immediate reply from the Austrian Government. Of course the Italian Government made no statement as there is no Italian Government.

VENICE (October 7, 1906): The ancient city of the Doges has been ringing with the cobbled boots of the Austrians. For four days and nights the Serbian First Army has been marching through this noble city. The Habsburgs have honored the request of Pope Gian I. The official view of the Austrian Government was voiced by Archduke Ferdinand when he said, "The Empire is only answering the call for aid of a friend and ally. As soon as order is restored, the troops will be removed. Until that happy time, the Austrian Government assumes responsibility for maintaining law and order in Italy. If any nation is con-

violating the sovereignty of Italy during these trying times, let me warn them: Austria will consider any attack on Italy an attack on Austria. And the Empire will take all necessary countermeasures to ensure that that country will not again attack Italy."

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TRIESTE (October 21, 1906): The last units of the Second Squadron of the Imperial Fleet slid down the ways. The Archduke of Austria, Franz Ferdinand, christened the last of the "super" battleships the Mykenos in honor of the great Austrian naval victory fought near that Aegean island. At the ceremonies Admiral Kailer de Kaltenfels said, "This addition to our fleet spells the beginning of the end for the Turkish Empire."

It is reported that naval architects are already employed in building another more powerful battleship to be built by 1908. The government would not confirm the rumor.

THE DIPLOMATIC POUCH

JIM THOMAS, 1133 S. R. 44, RD. 1, Atwater, Ohio: Print the moves this time dammit! You received my last moves at least a week before the deadline and stated in the bulletin that no moves were received. I will expect that you rectify this situation as you did for the Scarborough group earlier in the game by printing my previous moves and readjusting the position as it would have been had you not omitted (sic) my spring moves.

JOHN W. SMYTHE JR., 621 East Prospect, Girard, Ohio: I must say that Thomas has "fouled things up". But what I do not understand is why he insists on saying he sent in his moves. He does the same thing in Trantor. If my presence were not a continued reminder, he would forget to mail in his moves for Trantor. What I have done for the fall was to sit personally at his shoulder as he wrote his moves, and then I escorted him to the nearest mail box.

((No moves have been received on time or late, from Thomas as the player of Italy between "Fall 1904" and "Fall 1906". The "Scarboro group" matter to which Thomas refers took place in "Fall 1904". The deadline for those moves was 28 October 1904. All seven players had sent in their moves by the time of mail delivery on that day, so I printed and mailed FREDONIA #12. However, one player phoned in a change of moves that evening. These new moves came in before the deadline and were perfectly legal, so a revision in FREDONIA #13 was necessary. But ever since then, I have printed FREDONIA and GRAUSTARK on the day after the deadline. I will remedy my own failings, but I am not responsible for the failings of either the players or the United States Post Office Department.))

DAN BRANNAN, Apt. #5, 103 S. Edgemont, Los Angeles, Calif. 90004:

"Free we were born," 'tis thus they cry, and willingly pay we
The duty that we owe our king by the divine decree.

But God forbid that we obey the laws of foreign knaves,

Tarnish the glory of our sires, and make our children slaves.

Our hearts have not so craven grown, so bloodless all our veins,

So vigorous our brawny arms, as to submit to chains.

Has the audacious Frank, forsooth, subdued these seas and lands?

Shall he a bloodless victory have? No, not while we have hands.

ancient Spanish ballad

FREDONIA

#20

"Winter 1906"

31 January 1965

ENGLAND MOBILIZES RESERVES; FRENCH INVASION FORCE IN DANGER

As of Fall 1906, France was in possession of 8 supply centers and had only 7 units on the board. France, therefore, is also entitled to raise a new force in the Winter of 1906. This fact was neglected in FREDONIA #19, but the French High Command was informed and has established a new unit accordingly. Establishments and removals prior to the 1907 campaigns are:

ENGLAND: Establishes A Edi, F Liv.
FRANCE: Establishes F Bre.
GERMANY: Removes F Bal.
ITALY: Removes A Boh.
AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Establishes F Tri.
TURKEY: Establishes F Con.

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Most players also sent in their moves for Spring 1907.
The deadline for the remaining moves is SATURDAY 13
FEBRUARY 1965.

TRIEST: The Karl VII and her sister ships the Rudolf, Maximilian, Guinegatte, and Mykonos have satisfactorily completed their steaming trials. Though performance data are classified, the new 21,000-ton battleships are reported to have steamed at a steady 18 knots in heavy seas. Now all the huge warships have to complete is the testing of the remarkable Skoda ten-inch naval guns reported to be the heaviest armament carried by any ship of their class.

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As the new battleships finish their testing, the keels of the larger and more powerful Karl V class of warship are being laid. This new class is expected to undergo trials no later than January 1908.

THE DIPLOMATIC POUCH

JOHN W. SMYTHE JR., 621 East Prospect, Girard, Ohio: What can be done about the geographical alliances so prevalent in Mail Game Diplomacy? Every mail game has been tainted by them. Perhaps my complaint is "sour grapes", but to find England and Germany allied against Russia - something that has never happened before - is very difficult to explain until you notice where the players for Germany and England live. Why play when such obstacles make diplomacy impossible?

((It is most unusual that seven entries to a postal Diplomacy game should come from seven distinct and isolated parts of North America. Most Gamesmasters now try to limit entries to two from each geographical area.))

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FREDONIA

1964B

#21

"Spring 1907"

14 February 1965

ENGLISH FORCES RETAKE LONDON AS FRENCH EVACUATE CITY

ROME PLACED UNDER AUSTRIAN PROTECTION

ANGLO-AUSTRIAN ALLIANCE SHAKY

ENGLAND: A Pru-War; A Swe-Fin; F Den-Bal; A Edi-Norway; F North Sea C A Edi-Norway;
A Wal-Lon; A Yor S A Wal-Lon; F Liv-Iri.

FRANCE: F Tyr-Tun; A Mar-Pie; A Spa holds; F Mid-North Atlantic; F Bre-Mid;
A Lon-Bel; F Eng C A Lon-Bel; A Hol S A Lon-Bel.

GERMANY: A Mun-Sil; A Kie-Den; A Ber holds.

ITALY: F Ion C AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN A Gre-Nap; F Wes-Spa; A Tus-Pie.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: A Ven-Rom; A Tyr-Mun; A Gal-War; A Sil S A Gal-War; A Bul-Rum;
A Gre-Bul; F Aeg S A Gre-Bul; A Sev-Arm; F Tri-Alb.

TURKEY: A Arm-Sev; F Can holds; F Smy S F Con.

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Underlined moves are not possible. The deadline for Fall 1907 moves is SATURDAY 27 FEBRUARY 1965. It would be appreciated if players sent in, at the same time, conditional establishments or removals of their units for Winter 1907.

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VENICE: The Serbian First Army completed today its task of securing the Italian provinces that lay along the northern shores of the Adriatic Sea. The expected opposition by the French did not materialize, thus the task was completed without loss of life. When General Mishitch, commander of the I Corps, was queried as to why the French failed to make an appearance, he shrugged and answered, "I am not an authority on what the French do or fail to do, for, as you know, I do not have the ear of the French Admiral. Perhaps they were celebrating a Black Mass or some such. Who knows why the French do anything?" When I mentioned the possibility of his troops being ordered to protect Rome, Mishitch said, "The walk down the Appian Way would be a wonderful excursion, for Italy is beautiful in the spring. But I am afraid that the trip would cost many lives. I do not think the French would permit us to steal another march on them. Yet, I appreciate the decision facing the French High Command. To land troops in Italy would be a challenge to Austria. I do not think that the French would care to find themselves at war with the Empire - especially with the growing strength of the English on their northern flank. But who knows what the spring will bring?"

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The English government reminds the readers of FREDONIA that:

"Strength lies not in defense but in attack," - Adolf Hitler

FREDONIA

#22

1964B

"Fall-Winter 1907"

28 February 1965

AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN ARMIES ROLL BACK ENGLISH IN RUSSIA

ENGLAND: A Yor-Liv; A Lon-Wal; F Iri-Eng; F North Sea S F Iri-Eng; A Norway-St.P;
A Fin S A Norway-St.P; F Pal-Dot; A Pru-War.

FRANCE: A Spa, A Hol, A Bol, & F Eng hold; F Mid S F Eng; F Tun holds; A Mar-Pic;
F North Atlantic-Clyde.

GERMANY: A Mun A A Bfr; A Bor S A Mun; A Den holds.

ITALY: A Tus-Pic; F Ion-Tun; F Wos S F Ion-Tun.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: A Tyr-Mun; A Ron holds; A Sil-War; A Gal S A Sil-War; A Sov-Mos;
A Rum-Sov; A Bul-Con; F Alb-Ion; F Aog S F Alb-Ion.

TURKEY: F Con holds; F Smy S F Con; A Arm-Sov.

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Underlined moves are not possible. The Gamesmaster wishes to thank the players for sending in conditional retreats and establishments with their moves. The following retreat is necessitated by the fall's fighting:

FRANCE: F Tun-Tyr

The High Combatant Powers now control the following supply centers:

ENGLAND: Edinburgh, Liverpool, London, Norway, St. Petersburg, Sweden. (6)

FRANCE: Belgium, Brest, Holland, Marsoilles, Paris, Portugal, Spain. (7)

GERMANY: Berlin, Denmark, Kiel, Munich. (4)

ITALY: Naples, Tunis. (2)

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Budapest, Bulgaria, Greece, Moscow, Rome, Rumania, Serbia, Sevastopol, Trieste, Venice, Vienna, Warsaw. (12)

TURKEY: Ankara, Constantinople, Smyrna. (3)

The following establishments and removals are made as a result of military actions of 1907:

ENGLAND: Removes F North Sea, F Iri.

ITALY: Removes A Tus.

FRANCE: Removes A Spa.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Establishes F Tri,

GERMANY: Establishes A Kio.

A Bud, A Vic.

The deadline for Spring 1908 moves is SATURDAY 13 MARCH 1965.

DURAZZO; ALBANIA (April 7, 1907): The Second Squadron of the Imperial Fleet, commanded by Admiral Das Durnhaupt, fought off an attempted landing by a motley collection of wooden craft. As all the attackers were eaten by the rapacious sharks that frequent that part of the Adriatic Sea, identification was not made as to who were the attackers.

It is believed that the men were English sympathizers who were attempting to contact the notorious outlaw and murderer Darius the Insignificant. This terrible old man has made his fortune and reputation by taking from just about anyone who was unfortunate enough to meet him on the highway. The only reason given for this oversight was Darius's fear of catching the "French Disease".

For what possible purpose the English had for contacting Darius I can not say as the authorities have refused to expand on the matter. But it is well known that the next step from practicing the profession of shopkeeper and money lender is to become a thief. The Albanian and Austrian governments refused to comment as to what the English wishes to steal, but who can tell about the perfidious sheep herders and merchants that proliferate the once beautiful Albion.

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ROME (September 6, 1907): The Imperial city of Romulus and Remus hosted the venerable head of the House of Habsburg, Franz Joseph, Emperor of Austria, King of Hungary, King of Serbia, etc. To honor the benevolent monarch, who laid the protective wing of his august house over this troubled land of the Caesars, the people of Rome thronged the cobbled streets along the Emperor's line of march. As the royal cavalcade slowly pressed its way through the festive masses, mighty cheers broke from the throats of the welcoming thousands.

Having rested during the dinner hour at the home of Prime Minister Giolitti, the Emperor resumed his slow journey to the Vatican and a private audience with Pope Gian I. When the audience was completed, Franz Joseph, accompanied by his nephew and General Cardona, went to the tomb of the famous adventurer-soldier Garibaldi and there placed a tribute on his grave. Upon entering the streets, the Emperor was greeted by the old war-cry of Garibaldi's thousand, "Popolo: Popolo muoiano i tiranni!" Waving to the enthusiastic throng, the aging Emperor rode through the streets to the Royal Palace where he remained during the remainder of the day. It is rumored that the short visit with the Pope was only to arrange for another meeting where Gian and Joseph could discuss the possibility of negotiating an honorable peace with the Republic of France.

TRIEST (September 10, 1907): In response to the visit of Emperor Franz Joseph and the apparent support given to the Austrian Monarch by Cardona and Giolitti, Italian citizens by the tens of thousands have flocked to the Austrian Banner. Volunteer regiments have already been formed and have left for Vienna for training. It is rumored that Cardona was one of the first to volunteer.

Rumors have been flying about the great Austrian naval complex to the effect that Admiral von Dummhaupt has led his 2nd Battle Squadron to a great victory over the rebellious Italian Admiral Alphonse Capone. No details are known.

CAMELOT: Every man, woman, and child in England is being armed for the Crusade to wash the blood from the Polish-Hungarian lands. King Arthur will lead his people on horse or on foot through Russia from Transylvania to Greece.

ARE YOU MISSING THE BEST PART? In the letter column of FREDONIA's sister bulletin GRAUSTARK, Diplomacy fans are debating the accusation that Diplomacy and other war games are harmful to children. To follow this discussion, and also get the latest news on postal Diplomacy games 1964A and 1965A, subscribe to GRAUSTARK. Like FREDONIA and RURITANIA, GRAUSTARK is 10 issues for \$1.00 from John Boardman, 592 16th Street, Brooklyn, N. Y. 11218, U. S. A.

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FIRST CLASS MAIL

FREDONIA

#23

1964B

"Spring 1908"

21 March 1965

NEW FRANCO-AUSTRIAN ALLIANCE PRESSES ENGLAND AND GERMANY

1756 ALL OVER AGAIN?

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY SEIZES BOSPORUS

In the fall of 1907, the English force which had retaken London in the spring moved into Wales. Accordingly, London still counts as a French supply center. Thus, at the end of 1907, France controlled 8 supply centers, and England, 5. All players were informed of this correction. France retains its army in Spain, and England removes the army in Wales.

ENGLAND: A Liv-Wal; A St.P-Mos; A Fin-Liv; F Bot C A Fin-Div; A Pru S A Fin-Liv.

FRANCE: A Mar-Bur; A Bol-Ruh; A Hol S A Bol-Ruh; F Cly-Norwegian Sea; F Eng-North Sea; A Spa holds; F Tyr-Tun; F Mid-Wes.

GERMANY: A Ber-Sil; A Mun S A Ber-Sil; A Kio-Ber; A Don-Kio.

ITALY: No moves received. F Wes and F Tun hold.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: A Gal-Ukr; A Dud-Gal; A Rum-Sov; F Ion-Eas; F Tri-Adr; A Rom holds; A Vic-Boh; A Tyr S A Vic-Boh; A War-Liv; A Mos S A War-Liv; F Aeg-Con; A Bul S F Aeg-Con.

TURKEY: F Con-Bla; F Smy-Con; A Arm-Sov.

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Underlined moves are not possible. The deadline for Fall 1908 moves is Saturday 3 April 1965. Players are requested to send in provisional retreats and establishments if they feel able to do so.

MILANO, ITALY (March 1, 1908): March 1, 1908 could well be remembered as the day of the beginning of the end of the war. Today, Emile Loubet of France and Franz Joseph of Austria-Hungary-Serbia met for seven hours at the country estate of the Duke of Milan. No correspondents were permitted at the meeting and no correspondents managed to gain entrance as a large contingent of French marines and a regiment of Austrian Imperial Guards guarded the grounds. Though there were no official releases by either government (in fact both governments even refused to admit that a meeting had taken place), reliable sources reported that both men and their respective parties left the estate with smiles on their faces.

ROME (March 3, 1908): His Holiness Pope Gian I rescinded the edict of excommunication of Emile Loubet and his government. This change of policy has taken all Vatican experts by surprise. Since the death of Leo XIII, the Church has waged unrelenting war in France against the Loubet Government. Also, do not forget, Loubet was denounced by Pope Gian as the man who ordered the assassination of Leo XIII. The Vatican spokesman refused to comment on the reasons for the startling reversal of papal policy.

TRIEST (April 7, 1908): The Third Squadron of the Imperial Fleet began its first cruise. Commanded by Admiral Spaun, the gray-green behemoths steamed into the Adriatic upon some secret mission. The 27,000 ton super-battleships, with their 12-inch naval guns, have little to fear from the warships of any rival power. I can not imagine a larger warship than the Karl V. The Admiralty has just announced that con-

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There have been lot for six new ships slightly smaller but faster than the Karl V. Though reportedly not as heavily armored as the new super-battleships, the new ships are expected to be extremely fast. The Austrians are already calling these ships "battleships".

Already there are cries concerning the heavy expenditure on the warships being heard in the Diet. The Chiefs of Staff have long been unhappy about the large monies delegated for ship construction. Marshal Hotzendorff is reported to have said, "Who needs those monstrous steel coffins when every man, every piece of steel and every morsel of food is needed to hold the frontiers. We fight the Turk, the German, and now the English while the damn gentleman sailors cruise about the Adriatic sunning their precious backsides."

THE DIPLOMATIC POUCH

JOHN McCALLUM: P & M Section, S. E. S., Ralston, Alberta: Last October you first announced that you would fold FREDONIA at the conclusion of the game. What is the betting that you are still pubbing it next October? ((As a very rough guess, I should estimate that this game shouldn't last past the game year 1911. When it does end, FREDONIA will be terminated and the unexpired subscriptions transferred to GRAUSTARK. At present 15 people subscribe to GRAUSTARK, 14 to FREDONIA, and 10 to Ruritania. This includes players and other Gamesmasters, with whom I exchange publications. Owing to the presence of some names on more than one subscription list, the total number of people receiving my postal Diplomacy fanzines is 22. This is too few to justify the publication of three fortnightly bulletins, so I intend to close out FREDONIA and Ruritania as soon as the games reported in them are completed.))

Are you quite correct in your interpretation of the change in moves in FREDONIA? English forces entered London in the spring of 1907, thereby taking it from the French. It is true that they in turn evacuated it before fall, so that England can not claim it as in their position. But France can't either, so that the army in Spain should stay abolished.

((The rules are quite unequivocal on this point. "Occupation of a supply center by a Great Power occurs when one of its units is located in that supply center immediately after a Fall move...has been played." - p. 5.))

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FIRST CLASS MAIL

FREDONIA

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1964B

4 April 1965

STATUS QUO ANTE

In FREDONIA #21 players were urged to send in, with their moves for "Fall 1907", conditional retreats, establishments, or removals. Such a request was made to expedite the play of the game, by making a separate Winter issue of FREDONIA unnecessary.

All players acceded to this request, and FREDONIA #22 was published as a "Fall-Winter 1907" issue. However, the report of supply centers, made by the Gamesmaster in that issue, contained an error. At the end of "1906", England had been in possession of 8 supply centers: Denmark, Edinburgh, Liverpool, Moscow, Norway, St. Petersburg, Sweden, and Warsaw. In the "Spring 1907" campaign, English forces seized the then-French supply center of London, while losing Denmark to the Germans. In the "Fall 1907" campaign, Austria-Hungary took the supply centers of Moscow and Warsaw from England, and the English army which had taken London in the Spring moved on to Wales. According to the rules of Diplomacy, this meant that London remained a French supply center at the end of "1907", and that England, with only 5 supply centers, had to remove three units.

The conditional moves which Dan Brannan, the English player, sent in for "Fall-Winter 1907" did not anticipate this contingency, and specified only 2 units to be removed. The Gamesmaster compounded this error by incorrectly listing London as an English supply center and requiring Robert Lake, the French player, to remove one unit.

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The error in this assignment of supply centers was pointed out by several players. The Gamesmaster accordingly wrote to all players involved. Lake was informed that he was still in possession of London, and that consequently there was no need to remove his army in Spain. Brannan was told that he had to remove an additional unit, and that he ought to inform all other players by air mail of his decision. The deadline for "Spring 1908" moves was extended by one week to permit this correspondence. Brannan reported the removal of his army in Wales, and the "Spring 1908" moves were accordingly published in FREDONIA #23 two weeks ago.

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It then became apparent that, contrary to the instructions given him by the Gamesmaster, Brannan had neglected to inform the other players of which unit he had removed. They were thus constrained to send in their "Spring 1908" moves in ignorance of the disposition of the English forces. Both John Smythe, playing Austria-Hungary, and Robert Lake report receiving no announcement of the English removal of the army in Wales.

The Gamesmaster accordingly rules that Brannan has not made a removal of one unit during "Winter 1907". This provision of the rules thus applies: "If the country has to remove units because it has lost supply centers, the unit farthest from home comes off first..." Of the English units on the board at the end of "Fall 1907" the fleet in Bothnia is logistically "farthest from home" and is accordingly removed.

In fairness to the other players, it is necessary to return the game to the position which existed at the end of "Winter 1907", save that the disposition of the English units is now as follows: A Wal, A Liverpool, A Fin, A Pru,

The deadline for "Spring 1908" moves is SATURDAY 17 APRIL 1965.

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#26

1964B

"Fall 1908"

2 May 1965

EMPIRE AT LAST CRACKS TURKISH DEFENSES

ENGLAND: A Yor-Edi; A Lon holds; A Fin-Norway; A War-Mos; A St.P S A War-Mos.

FRANCE: A Spa-NorAf; F Wes C A Spa-NorAf; F Mid-Iri; F Norwegian Sea- Edi;
F North Sea S F Norwegian-Sea; A Bel-Ruh; A Bur-Mun; A Hol-Kie.

GERMANY: A Ber S A Mun; A Mun S A Ber; A Kie-Den; A Swe-Norway.

ITALY: No moves received. F Tun holds.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: A Mos-Sev; A Rum-Sev; A Liv-St.P; A Gal-War; A Ukr S A Gal-War;
A Boh-Sil; A Tyr S FRENCH A Bur-Mun; A Nap holds; A Bul S F Con; F Eas-Smy;
F Con S F Eas-Smy; F Alb-Ion.

TURKEY: A Arm-Rum; F Bla C A Arm-Rum; F Smy-Con.

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Underlined moves are not possible. The English army in Warsaw is dislodged and forced to move into Prussia. The High Combatant Powers now control the following supply centers:

ENGLAND: Liverpool, London, Norway, St. Petersburg. (4)

FRANCE: Belgium, Brest, Edinburgh, Holland, Kiel, Marseilles, Paris, Portugal, Spain. (9)

GERMANY: Berlin, Denmark, Munich, Sweden. (4)

ITALY: Tunis. (1)

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Budapest, Bulgaria, Constantinople, Greece, Moscow, Naples, Rome, Rumania, Serbia, Sevastopol, Trieste, Venice, Vienna, Warsaw, Smyrna. (15)

TURKEY: Ankara, (1)

Austria-Hungary may establish 5 new units, and France may establish one new unit. England must remove one unit. THE DEADLINE FOR WINTER 1908 MOVES IS SATURDAY 15 MAY 1965. The Turkish fleet in Smyrna must retreat, and Turkey must remove 2 units.

BREST-LITOVSKI, POLAND, HQ ARMIES RUSSIA (June 7, 1908): Today was one of those rare occasions when Grand-Marshal Conrad von Hotzendorff found something amusing. Ever since he read an intercepted message the English King Arthur sent to his field commanders the Grand-Marshal's laughter has caused tears to cruise down his bearded cheeks and soak his stiffly starched collar. "King Arthur is mobilizing every man, woman, and child to free Poland," he gasped, "with what? Ho, Ho, Hoo, Hoo, with his last fleet scuttled at Riga and Libau, he is going to transport his unfortunates to Russia? W-W-What does he expect to use for ships, fishing sloops?"

BREST-LITOVSKI, POLAND, HQ ARMIES RUSSIA (June 8, 1908): From the gay laughter of yesterday Grand-Marshal Conrad von Hotzendorff has descended to the black depths of blind rage. "Those ---- fools. Captured the Bosphorus and Constantinople ----! ---- collection of half-wits couldn't capture ---- if it was rubbed in their noses," he ranted. At this point there was the crash of something smashing into something as the Grand-Marshal stormed around in his rooms. "I told that pop-in-jay of a ---- those iron atrocities and their primping fops were good only for dumping garbage!"

From all appearances, Hotzendorff is very upset over the mix-up in communiques.

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FREDONIA

#27

1964B

"Winter 1908 / Spring 1909"

30 May 1965

GERMAN RESURGENCE THWARTS FRENCH

In FREDONIA #26, the French move "F North Sea S F Norwegian Sea-Edi" was inadvertently reported with the word "Edi" omitted.

As a result of the "1908" campaigns the following additions and removals were made in "Winter 1908":

ENGLAND: Removes A Pru

FRANCE: Establishes A Par.

TURKEY: Removes F Smy, A Ank.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Establishes A Vie,
A Bud, F Tri.

All players were notified of these changes, and 29 May was set as the deadline for "Spring 1909" moves. These are:

ENGLAND: A Yor-Liv; A Lon-Yor; A Fin S A St.P.

FRANCE: No moves received.

GERMANY: A Mun-Kie; A Ber S A Mun-Kie; A Den S A Mun-Kie; A Swe-Norway.

ITALY: No moves received.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: A Tyr-Pie; A Vie-Tyr; A Sil-Boh; A War-Sil; A Liv-Pru; A Mos-Liv;
A Ukr-Mos; A Nap-Rom; F Ion-Tyr; F Tri-Adr; F Smy-Aeg; F Con-Ank; A Bul holds;
A Rum-Sev; A Bud-Rum.

TURKEY: F Bla-Ank.

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Underlined moves are not possible. The French army in Kiel is dislodged and, since no French orders were received, annihilated. The English army in St. Petersburg, the Italian fleet in Tunis, the French armies in Paris, Burgundy, the Ruhr, and North Africa, and the French fleets in the Western Mediterranean, the North Sea, the Irish Sea, and Edinburgh are not ordered, and hold their positions. THE DEADLINE FOR FALL 1909 MOVES IS SATURDAY 12 JUNE 1965.

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VIENNA (June 9, 1908): Dr. Freud, Minister of Public Education and Information, was quick to announce that the recent setbacks and the unnatural situation now existing on all fronts has not altered Austrian commitments in either North Africa or Central Europe.. "The Spirit of Milan will be adhered to by Austria-Hungary-Serbia," the portly minister promised. "With peace so near, Austria-Hungary-Serbia does not wish to create any incident which could continue the war."

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WASHINGTON (March 4, 1909): In his inaugural address, President William Jennings Bryan repeated his campaign pledge of strict non-involvement in the European War. He expressed his belief that his election was an expression of the desire of the American people to avoid being drawn into the conflict. "Furthermore," he announced, "I understand that the godless theory of evolution is taught in the schools of all the European powers. No good can come of American involvement in such things as this." The new President was particularly vehement in his attack on the Austrian Minister of Public

Education and Information, Dr. Sigmund Freud, whom he said "is a rootless Levantine who has taken upon himself the mission of debauching the youth of Europe with satanic ideals of lust and promiscuity."

Immediately after the inaugural ceremonies, President Bryan issued an order for the summary arrest of Dr. Woodrow Wilson, President of Princeton University. "I have unimpeachable evidence that evolution is being taught at Princeton," said the President. "We shall make an example of this corrupter of America's youth."

President Bryan also announced plans to implement his "free silver" policy. The United States Mints were ordered to begin immediately the coinage of silver at 32 to 1. "And if there isn't enough silver in the government vaults," he quipped, "we'll put these atheistic evolutionists to work in the mines."

VIENNA (April 1, 1909): The Imperial Government of Austria-Hungary-Serbia today sent an offer of an armistice to those belligerent powers who have managed to survive the devastating eight-years' war that has done so much to destroy civilization in Europe. Realizing that continued resistance by the Axis Powers is futile, Emperor Franz Joseph made the offer in an attempt to prevent further loss of life and destruction of property. In essence the armistice requested that the Axis Powers, Germany and England, lay down their arms and accept the occupation by France of those territories and provinces still controlled by their armed forces.

The Emperor was very careful to mention in the communique that Austria-Hungary-Serbia and her Balkan allies do not desire to exact vengeance on those who have so sorely wronged the Empire and her allies. All that the peoples of the Balkan Alliance wish is that all Europeans may once again be at peace with their neighbors.

VIENNA (April 7, 1909): The peace envoys of Sultan Abdul Hamid (often called the Damned) arrived yesterday to commence negotiations for the surrender of those forces, territories and provinces still loyal to the royal house of Turkey. The surrender of the Osmanli cheered the Viennese, for Austria finally realized a centuries-old dream, the defeat of the Ottoman Turks. Not only does the total defeat of Turkey spell the end of its empire in Europe, but Ottoman domination of Asia Minor and especially the Holy Land is at an end.

Though there are rumors that a few fanatics have declared a Jihad and refuse to surrender, military authorities report that only a few poorly equipped pirates, operating from the ancient Byzantine outpost of Trebizond, still refuse to recognize the authority of the Balkan Alliance. All other remnants of the once mighty military machine of the Ottomans have either disbanded or are marching to surrender points.

VIENNA (March 21, 1909): Today in an impressive ceremony in which Emperor Franz Joseph accepted the credentials of His Excellency Ara Zipangu, the Armenian Ambassador, the new Christian State of Armenia was recognized by Austria-Hungary-Serbia.

In his acceptance speech, His Excellency mentioned that the peoples of the newest country in Asia Minor would not forget their friend, Austria.

FREDONIA readers are reminded that a Diplomacy Directory has just been published in GRAUSTARK #53. This directory contains 80 names and addresses of persons interested in postal Diplomacy. GRAUSTARK #54 will contain a complete listing of the players and country assignments in all postal Diplomacy games, and GRAUSTARK #55 will include the latest version of the rules of postal Diplomacy. Subscribe now to GRAUSTARK and get these added features. GRAUSTARK, like FREDONIA and RURITANIA, is 10 issues for \$1.00 from John Boardman, 592 16th Street, Brooklyn, N. Y. 11218

CLUB DIPLOMACY is the newest addition to postal Diplomacy games. It is played by two three-man teams against each other. The game is played by the rules of six-handed postal Diplomacy, with the following variations. (1) Countries are assigned by lot. Each player on a team must sign his own moves, and all moves for a team must be submitted in the same envelope. (2) The entry fee is \$4.00 per team. Each team will receive 3 copies of the game bulletin, airmailed in one envelope to a single address. (3) The first team to hold 23 supply centers at the end of a fall move is the winner.

Send in your team entry now!

FREDONIA

#28

1964B

"Fall 1909"

13 June 1965

FRANCE CAPITULATES:

DEMOBILIZATION BEGINS - AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN VICTORY CERTAIN WITHIN ONE YEAR

GERMANS COLLAPSE; IMPERIAL TROOPS SEIZE BERLIN, MUNICH

ENGLAND: A Liv-Edi; A Yor S A Liv-Edi; A Fin S A St.P.

FRANCE: A NorAf-Spa; F Wes C A NorAf-Spa; A Bur-Mar; A Ruh-Bur; A Far holds;
F Iri-Eng; F Edi-North Sea; F Norwegian Sea-Mid.

GERMANY: No Moves Received.

ITALY: No Moves Received.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: A Mos-St.P; A Liv S A Mos-St.P; A Sil-Ber; A Pru S A Sil-Ber;
A Boh-Mun; A Tyr S A Boh-Mun; A Pie-Mar; A Rom-Tus; F Tyr-Lyo; F Adr-Ion;
A Sev-Arm; A Rum-Gal; A Bul-Con; F Con-Bla; F Aeg S A Bul-Con;

TURKEY: F Bla-Ank.

Underlined moves are not possible. The German army in Berlin is dislodged and, since no German moves were received, annihilated. The German armies in Norway, Denmark, and Kiel, the English army in St. Petersburg, the French fleet in the North Sea, and the Italian fleet in Tunis were not ordered, and hold their positions. There is no French fleet in the Norwegian Sea, and if there were it could not move to the Mid-Atlantic, so that move is invalid. The French fleet in Edinburgh must retreat to either Clyde or the Norwegian Sea.

The High Combatant Powers now control the following supply centers:

ENGLAND: Edinburgh, Liverpool, London, St. Petersburg. (4)

FRANCE: Belgium, Brest, Holland, Marseilles, Paris, Portugal, Spain. (7)

GERMANY: Denmark, Kiel, Norway, Sweden. (4)

ITALY: Tunis. (1)

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Berlin, Budapest, Bulgaria, Constantinople, Greece, Moscow, Munich, Naples, Rome, Rumania, Serbia, Sevastopol, Trieste, Venice, Vienna, Warsaw, Smyrna. (17)

TURKEY: Ankara. (1)

Austria-Hungary may establish two new units. Germany could establish one new unit if she had a home supply center on which to build it. France must remove one unit.

After these instructions are complied with, there would be 33 units on the board, of which 17 would be Austro-Hungarian. This state of affairs meets the conditions established in the rules of Diplomacy for victory. Accordingly, the Gamesmaster declares Austria-Hungary, played by John Smythe, to be the victory in postal Diplomacy game 1964B.

This has been a most interesting game from several aspects. Austria-Hungary is in a rather weak strategic position at the beginning of the game, and under these circumstances John Smythe is to be congratulated for carrying her through to victory. The alliance with Italy and the campaign against Turkey were, in the Gamesmaster's opinion, the decisive factors in the Austro-Hungarian victory. Strategists are re-

ferred to the articles "What Good is Austria-Hungary?" (GRAUSTARK #38) and "The Case for the Triple Alliance" (GRAUSTARK #41) for details of this strategy.

Congratulations are also due to John McCallum for his dogged resistance as Turkey against the attack from Austria-Hungary. Despite a losing position and frequent changes of address, McCallum kept sending in his moves - once by cable-gram from London.

With this issue, FREDONIA ceases publication. The unexpired balance of subscriptions will be transferred to GRAUSTARK, the oldest postal Diplomacy bulletin. GRAUSTARK, like FREDONIA, is published by John Boardman, 592 16th Street, Brooklyn, New York 11218, USA. Subscriptions are 10 issues for \$1.00.

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PARIS (March 30, 1909): After conferring with His Excellency Franz Joseph in Vienna last month, M. Loubet has agreed to the terms of surrender as set forth by the chiefs of staffs of the armies of Austria-Hungary-Serbia. Accordingly France has ordered her armies to lay down their arms and to return home, and her fleets to make for the nearest French ports. France has been bloodied by war for too many years now. Peace is welcomed.

VIENNA (September 28, 1909): The Imperial Government of Austria-Hungary-Serbia is terribly upset over the lack of response to its peace overtures made in the spring. Reliable sources were sorry to point out that the failure by the belligerents to respond to the offer has given the "hard-line" parties in the government the upper hand. The immediate result of the futile attempt will be the pro-war, or hard-line parties requesting the abdication of the ageing Emperor in favor of his grandnephew, the Archduke of Austria, Franz Ferdinand.

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Already the military, led by Grand-Marshal Conrad von Hotzen-dorff, has commenced a grand offensive in Germany and Piedmont in direct violation of Austria's agreements with the French Republic.

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When Hotzen-dorff was questioned about the violations he replied haughtily, "Who cares for pieces of paper when victory is only a few months away - if we have only the courage to grasp it."

MILAN (September 30, 1909): The First Army, led by General Dankle, opened its long awaited offensive against the important Mediterranean port of Marseilles. Elements of the II Corps and the IX Corps have already secured the small tourist town of Nice and are preparing for the second stage of the fall offensive with confidence. Further north the III Corps overran elements of the 7th Marine Division in capturing the important road junction at Barcelonnette. So far there has been no serious opposition to the opening maneuvers by Dankle.

NICE (October 5, 1909): The offensive has been purposely slowed down by General Dankle. Just when it seemed that the important seaports of Toulon and Marseilles would fall into the hands of the Austrians, orders were issued limiting the advance to Cannes and no further. When I managed to question the information officer assigned to the press, he answered, "The campaign will commence as soon as the Third Squadron, commanded by Admiral Spaun, manages to secure our flank by occupying the Gulf. No advance is possible until such time."

In the meantime, I noticed that the officers and men were not wasting any of their opportunity to sample the earthy pleasures of Nice and Cannes. What I wonder about is: Will the Austrian First Army be in condition to fight after enjoying the wares of the French women and wineries. Perhaps the whole thing is a French plot to remove the First Army as a threat to France. Who knows?

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Are you tired of getting stabbed in the back by your "allies" while playing postal Diplomacy? Then get two friends and enter a game of Team Diplomacy. Your three-man team will compete against another, by the rules of 6-handed Diplomacy, in a low-cost, high-speed game. See GRAUSTARK #54 for further details. An entry for Team Diplomacy is \$4.00 for a 3-man team.